

NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Block Island School
July 23, 2012
(Rescheduled from July 16, 2012)
7:00 p.m.

The New Shoreham School Committee met in open session on Monday, July 23, 2012, in the media center of the Block Island School. Chair William Padien called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The following members were present: Elizabeth Connor, Patricia Doyle, Ann Hall, Sean McGarry, and William Padien. Robert Hicks was also present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion (McGarry, Doyle) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 11, 2012, as presented carried with a vote of 5-0.

Reports

Sean McGarry notified the other members of the committee that he has decided to run for Town Council and will not be seeking reelection to the School Committee. He stated that if he is elected he intends to keep the school as a priority.

Mr. Hicks reported that the Rhode Island Department of Education has a new system to classify schools. Under this new system a school is placed into one of six categories – commended, leading, typical, warning, focus, and priority. Block Island School has met its four required targets and has been classified as commended.

Mr. Hicks informed the School Committee that a new teacher assistant position will be available at the Early Learning Center. This will be a part-time (12 hours per week) position and it has been anticipated in the 2012-2013 school budget. A motion (McGarry, Hall) to advertise the teacher assistant position locally and on SchoolSpring carried with a vote of 5-0.

Old Business

A motion (Padien, Hall) to approve Policy FBF: Graduation Requirements as presented carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to approve Policy GM: School Wellness as presented carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to approve Policy HIA: Student Activities Advisors as presented carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to approve Policy FBA: Special Instructional Programs and Accommodations as presented carried with a vote of 5-0.

New Business

A motion (Padien, Hall) to appoint the Town's auditor to complete the district's 2012-2013 annual audit carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Connor) to reappoint Marsha Gutierrez as the district's School Committee Clerk for the 2012-2013 fiscal year carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to reappoint Chris O'Neill as the district's Attendance Officer for the 2012-2013 school year carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Doyle) to reappoint the firm of Asquith & Mahoney, LLP to provide legal services to the district on an as needed basis for the 2012-2013 fiscal year and to remind them to bill us on a monthly basis carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, McGarry) to reappoint the physician representative(s) of the Block Island Health Services as the school physician(s) for the 2012-2013 school year carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to reappoint the dentist representative(s) of the Block Island Health Services as the school dentist(s) for the 2012-2013 school year carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, McGarry) that William Padien be appointed as the delegate to the Rhode Island Association of School Committees for the 2012-2013 fiscal year and that all members try to attend one or more meetings carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to approve the designation of Bank of American and Washington Trust Company as official bank depositories carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Connor) to approve the designation of the Block Island Times for any required advertising carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Doyle) to approve the designation of Chairperson and Secretary as authorized signatories of checks for all accounts carried with a vote of 5-0.

In accordance with Policy BAK: Policy Adoption and Amendment, the School Committee is required to conduct a review of policy at least once per year. Mr. Hicks stated that if committee members had policies they felt needed to be amended or updated, they should contact him. He hopes to have all of the policies available on the school's web site by the end of the summer.

A motion (Hall, Padien) to consent to the appointment of Molly Nolan as the summer reading/math teacher for the 2012 program carried with a vote of 5-0. Ms Nolan will be compensated at the rate of \$33.92 per hour for approximately two hours per day, three days per week, for five weeks.

A motion (Connor, Hall) to consent to the appointment of Nathaniel Shaw as the secondary math teacher carried with a vote of 5-0. Mr. Shaw will be placed on Step 1 of the salary scale (\$40,222).

A motion (Padien, Connor) to consent to the appointment of Elizabeth Wall as a teacher assistant for the 2012-2013 school year carried with a vote of 5-0. Ms Wall will be compensated at the rate of \$15 per hour.

Calendar of Events

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 20, 2012.

Adjournment

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 7:57 p.m. to adjourn carried with a vote of 5-0.

Marsha L. Gutierrez, Clerk

Date approved: August 20, 2012